

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiichiro SAKASHITA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/696,947

GAU: 3641

FILED: October 27, 2000

EXAMINER: KEITH, Jack W.

FOR AN ABSORBING ROD, AN APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND  
A METHOD OF STORING SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES



REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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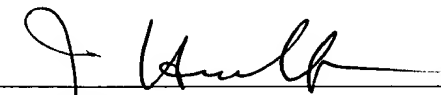
It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to December 20, 2003 for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated: June 20, 2003
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☒ filing a RCE. A timely response to the final rejection, due June 20, 2003 is filed herewith.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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